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1.

SAID ON JULY 1978 THAT LEIGH HAS
FILED AN APPEAL IN THE SUPREME COURT PROTESTING THAT HE
WAS REMOVED FROM THE JUNTA ILLEGALLY. SAID THAT
LEIGH'S APPEAL IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE CITATION OF THE
"ABSOLUTE IMPOSSIBILITY" OF LEIGH TO CONTINUE TO GOVERN
UNDER THE TERMS OF DECREE LAW 527 WAS IMPROPER, SINCE
THE INTENT OF THIS LAW WAS TO REFER ONLY TO PHYSICAL
IMPOSSIBILITY TO GOVERN RATHER THAN POLITICAL IMPOSSI-

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BILITY. [REDACTED] DELIVERED THE 1.5(c)
APPEAL ON 24 JULY TO RENE P I C A, SECRETARY OF THE
SUPREME COURT. [REDACTED] LEIGH REALIZES THAT
HE HAS NO CHANCE TO WIN HIS APPEAL, BUT THAT HE WANTS
TO PUBLICIZE THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T
IMPROPERLY USED LEGAL TRICKERY TO HAVE HIM REMOVED.
[REDACTED] THAT LEIGH HAS NO OTHER PLANS TO ATTEMPT
TO FIGHT HIS FIRING.

2. [REDACTED] THAT LEIGH HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER PROTECTIVE
SECURITY BY THE GOVERNMENT TO KEEP TRACK OF HIS
MOVEMENTS AND HAS BEEN DIRECTED NOT MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF A
POLITICAL NATURE. [REDACTED] THAT LEIGH HAD CONSIDERED
REQUESTING ASYLUM IN THE U.S. EMBASSY BUT HIS BROTHER,
SERGIO L E I G H, HAD TALKED HIM OUT OF IT.

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4. [REDACTED] ALSO BELIEVE THAT PINOCHET WILL BE FURTHER WEAKENED BY THE EXTRADITION REQUESTS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED FOR FORMER OFFICIALS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO LETELLIER. IN ADDITION, THEY BELIEVE THAT THE FINAL REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHRC) WORKING GROUP WILL BE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL FURTHER WEAKEN PINOCHET'S HOLD ON THE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] BASE THIS BELIEF ON STATEMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE VICARIATE OF SOLIARITY, WHO BELIEVE THAT THE UNHRC WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN CONVINCED BY THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO THEM OF THE VERACITY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ATTRIBUTED TO THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT.

5. [REDACTED] DECIDED TO GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE REACTION WITHIN THE DIFFERENT ARMED SERVICES TO LEIGH'S REMOVAL. THEY BELIEVE THEY WILL FIND THAT THERE IS INCREASED DISENCHANTMENT WITH PINOCHET ON THE PART OF NUMEROUS AIR

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